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February 16, 2007

Daron Haddock
 Permit Supervisor
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**Re: Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency Request for Extension of Bonding
 Completion Date**

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Our firm has recently been retained by Grand Water & Sewer Service Agency (the "Agency") to assist in satisfying the reclamation surety requirement for the Spanish Valley Clay Mine. We are in the process of preparing a Request for Agency Action seeking approval of a self-bonding agreement. Currently, the Agency's deadline for completing the bonding process is March 31, 2007.

To be considered at the March hearing, however, the Request for Agency Action needed to be filed by February 12th. Because the Agency contacted us after the 12th, we were unable to file the Request before the filing deadline. Ms. Susan White of your office suggested that we request an extension of the deadline for completing the bonding process, rather than asking the Board to consider a late Request for Agency Action at its March hearing.

Accordingly, we are requesting that the deadline for completing the bonding process be extended to April 30, 2007. This will allow us to file the Request for Agency Action in a timely manner and attend the Board's hearing prior to the bonding process deadline.

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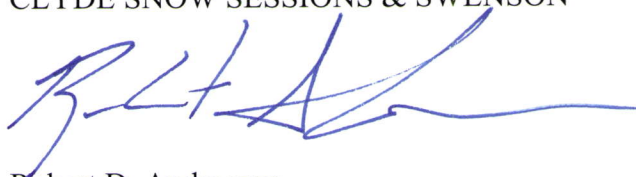
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Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. D. Andreasen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert D. Andreasen